

## **DSS Transition Timeline to Risk Management Framework (RMF)**

DSS is scheduled to release the DSS Assessment and Authorization Process Manual in support of RMF in July 2016.

Risk Management Framework (RMF) is the unified information security framework for the entire federal government that is replacing the legacy Certification and Accreditation (C&A) process. RMF was established by the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST), in partnership with the Department of Defense, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) and the Committee on National Security Systems (CNSS) to develop a common information security framework for the federal government and its contractors in making risk based decisions.

**Current authorizations are grandfathered and system can continue to process under its existing authorization until expiration. See transition timeline below:**

| <b>System Accreditation Status</b>   | <b>Transition Timeline / Instructions</b>  |
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| <b>SSP submitted prior to Aug. 1, 2016</b>   | Cleared contractors continue using current Certification & Accreditation process with the latest version of the ODAA Process Manual. ATO will be no greater than 18 months starting Aug. 1, 2016. Within six months of authorization, develop a POA&M for transition to RMF.     |
| <b>Stand-Alone Systems after Aug. 1, 2016</b>  | Execute RMF Assessment and Authorization through the use of the DSS Assessment and Authorization Process Manual (DAAPM).   |
| <b>Local Area Network, Wide Area Network or Interconnected System between Aug. 1, 2016 – Feb. 28, 2017</b> | Cleared contractors continue using the current Certification & Accreditation process with the latest version of the ODAA Process Manual. ATO will be no greater than 18 months starting Aug. 1, 2016. Within six months of authorization, develop a POA&M for transition to RMF. |
| <b>Local Area Network, Wide Area Network or Interconnected System after March 1, 2017.</b>                 | Execute RMF Assessment and Authorization process through use of the DSS Assessment and Authorization Process Manual (DAAPM).   |